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SUBJECT: ATHENS PRESS HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 20

1. SUMMARY. NEWSPAPERS GAVE TOP BILLING TO MURDER OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES, CHANGES IN GREEK ARMY LEADERSHIP AND CHARGES OF AGENTS PROVOCATEURS AND AMERICANS PROVOKING WEEKEND DEMONSTRATIONS. END SUMMARY

2. ELEFTEROS COSMOS RAN BANNER CAPTION "U.S. AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA KILLED BY BULLET DURING VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION OF THOUSANDS OF CYPRIOTS." SAME NEWSPAPER ALSO CARRIED PM CARAMANLIS' MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO PRESIDENT FORD AND PM'S WARNING THAT DEMONSTRATIONS BY GREEKS WILL BE DEALT WITH SEVERELY. AKROPOLIS AND TO VIMA HEADLINED "GREEK ARMY LEADERSHIP CHANGED - TEN GENERALS RETIRED." TO VIMA REPORTED ON FRONTPAGE "KISSINGER FEDERALIZATION PLAN" BASED ON REPORTAGE FROM LONDON, WHILE AKROPOLIS CARRIED NEWS ACCOUNT OF DIVERGENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN STATE DEPARTMENT AND PENTAGON REGARDING AID TO TURKEY CITING SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S CBS INTERVIEW. COSMOS REPORTED "TURKS WILL  
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WITHDRAW FROM PRESENT POSITIONS IN CYPRUS, KISSINGER

ASSURES - HE HAS ECEVIT'S PROMISE." SAME PAPER CARRIED FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL "NICOSIA TRAGEDY" STRESSING THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE IN DESPERATE STATE AND WANTED THEIR WRATH TO REACH KISSINGER; INSTEAD U.S. AMBASSADOR BECAME VICTIM. "HENRY KISSINGER MUST LEARN FROM THIS THAT HIS INHUMAN POLICY ON CYPRUS HAS BETRAYED IDEALS OF AMERICAN NATION."

3. APOYEMATINI AND TA NEA DEVOTED PRIME SPACE TO WEEKEND DEMONSTRATIONS; "AMERICANS PROVOKED CROWDS" WHICH WERE FIRED ON FIRST BY U.S. MARINES ACCORDING TO APOYEMATINI AND TA NEA WROTE "PROVOCATEURS ACTED IN GREECE AND CYPRUS" WITH LARGE PHOTO OF BRIG. GEN. IOANNIDES ACCOMPANYING REPORT. VRADYNI IN EDITORIAL ATTRIBUTED SUNDAY'S VIOLENCE TO PROVOCATEURS SPONSORED BY THOSE WHO HAVE CREATED NATION'S RECENT CALAMITIES. ESTIA COMMENTED THAT IT NEVER PAYS TO ENTRUST YOUR INTERESTS TO OTHERS AND CRITICIZED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S "BAD HABIT OF OCCUPYING A PREMIER" WHEN HE COULD ADDRESS HIMSELF TO HIS COLLEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTER.

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